

REMARKS

1. Claims 1-30 stand rejected under obviousness, in view of Smyers (U.S. Patent No. 6,247,069) and Himmel (U.S. Patent No. 6,041,360).

2. With this response, Claims 1 5, 7, 12, 19 and 20 are amended. Claims 2-4, 6, 8-11, and 13-18 are cancelled. Claims 21-39 are new.

Detailed Remarks

Applicant respectfully submits that the amended claims, and the newly presented claims, are allowable over the art of record. Numerous differences exist between the presented claims and the art of record.

For example, among other differences, Independent Claim 1 provides for a media playback component that is configured to playback a set of media resources identified in a search result. The playback of a second media resource in the set is automatic and continuous after playback of the first media resource, so that a transition of playback from the first media resource to the second media resource can happen automatically and continuously. Furthermore, Claim 1 recites that “the media playback component is controllable with one or more commands from the service-side subsystem to cause playback of at least one of the first or second media resources....”

Independent Claim 12 also provides for a search result and a media playback component that is controllable with one or more commands communicated from a server-side subsystem. This enables “the media playback component to playback media resources identified by the play-list, including the one or more media resources that reside at least in part on the network site, continuously and sequentially.”

Among other distinctions over the art on record, Independent Claim 21 recites “the media playback component using the at least one of the commands to continuously playback two or more media resources that are at least partially accessible over the network.”

While Independent Claim 32 does not explicitly recite search, it also includes differentiators over the prior art, including reciting using commands to control “the one or more commands control the media playback component to play two or more of the plurality of media resources in an order designated by the server-side subsystem.”

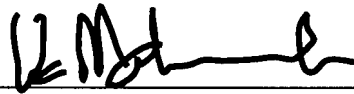
Other claims not explicitly mentioned in these remarks depend from one of the aforementioned independent claims, and are allowable for reasons that include those stated.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the claims as amended herein. A Notice of Allowance is requested. If there are any additional charges, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 50-1914.

Respectfully submitted,

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